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## Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar launches new Red Cross Aruba website



Friday, October 22, 2010 was a very important day for Red Cross Aruba. Minister of Social Affairs of Aruba, Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar, launched Aruba Red Cross' new website right from her office: [www.redcrossaruba.com](http://www.redcrossaruba.com)

Red Cross Aruba works

close with different ministries. In cases of disaster relief, there is a strong relationship with the Prime Minister, Mr. Mike Eman, and with the Minister of Healthcare, Dr. Richard Visser. But Red Cross Aruba also has a strong relationship with the Minister of Social Affairs, Mrs.

Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, due to the broad scope of social work carried out by Red Cross Aruba, albeit that this side of the Red Cross activities are mostly done in discretion; all the more the reason to approach the Minister of Social Affairs for such a very special event.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar received the President of Red Cross Aruba, Greg Peterson, director Michel La Haye, Chief of Operations and Marketing, Indra Anthony-Pereira, Administrative Assistant, Minerva Huizinga and volunteers Jedrick Perez and André Petrothi.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklaar pleasantly surprised the volunteers when she took her time and interchanged intensively with Jedrick and André on what inspired them to become volunteers. She also expressed her admiration and gratitude to them for their input to the benefit of the community.

Red Cross Aruba's website

is an extensive one and will serve many purposes, according to Indra Anthony-Pereira, responsible for developing the website. One rather nice development is that an increasing number of youth is using this humanitarian organization as the main topic for their school projects. The website, a product of the strategic plan of Red Cross Aruba, brings the organization and its efforts closer to the community.

Greg Peterson, president of Red Cross Aruba, is very happy with and proud of the work done by Indra Anthony-Pereira who made this project become a reality. Now Red Cross Aruba is just one click away.

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### Epidemic fears grow as cholera hits Haiti capital

PORTE-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AFP) - Haiti's cholera crisis deepened yesterday as the first cases in the capital raised fears the epidemic could infiltrate Port-au-Prince's squalid tent cities and spawn a major health disaster.

More than 250 people have died and thousands have been infected, but those numbers could soar if cholera reached the camps where hundreds of thousands live in awful conditions after being displaced by January's earthquake.

Cholera is primarily passed on through contaminated water or food and could spread like wildfire through the unsanitary tent cities, where displaced families bathe outside, do laundry and share meals in close quarters.

The latest toll of 253 dead and 3,015 infections from top Haitian health official Gabriel Thimote, represented an increase of only 33 fatalities in the last 24 hours -- an indication perhaps that the epidemic could be contained.

The disease "is limited to a well defined perimeter" in the northern region of Artibonite and part of the central plateau, Foreign Minister Marie-Michele Rey told reporters.

Speaking in Switzerland where she was attending a summit of French-speaking nations, Rey said that for the time being "those who are on the spot appear to be able to contain the situation."

The UN Organization for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs has confirmed that all five people infected in the capital had travelled from the affected Artibonite and central areas.

"These cases thus do not represent a spread of the epidemic because this is not a new location of infection," the UN body said, adding that the development was, however, "worrying."

Regional health director Dieula Louissaint said 12 more people died in the Artibonite department in northern Haiti on Saturday, boosting that

area's toll 206, while 14 people died in central Haiti.

Louissaint stressed the need for isolating cholera patients to contain any spread of the disease, which, with its characteristic severe vomiting and diarrhea, can dehydrate and kill in a matter of hours.

"We cannot continue to treat cholera in this structure where we are also seeing other kinds of patients," Louissaint said. "We need to establish specific treatment centers."

Around 3,000 people have been admitted to hospitals and health centers near the northern city of Saint Marc.

More than 50 inmates at a prison in the center of the country have been infected with cholera, and three inmates have died, officials said.

"The situation is under control. The population should not give in to panic, but people must take hygienic measures seriously," warned Jocelyne Pierre-Louis, a physician with the health ministry.

President Rene Preval and Health Minister Alex Larsen toured regions affected by the epidemic on Saturday, as authorities vowed they were working to provide clean water to residents.

### US under pressure on WikiLeaks allegations

LONDON, England (AFP) - Washington yesterday came under increasing pressure to investigate allegations in the leaked Iraq war documents published by WikiLeaks, which Britain's deputy prime minister called "shocking."

Governments and human rights organisations alike put the focus on answers to the allegations made against US, allied and Iraqi troops as the whistleblowing website released 400,000 classified US military documents.

The flood of material from 2004 to 2009 offers a grim snapshot of the conflict, especially of the abuse of Iraqi civilians by Iraqi security forces. The heavily redacted logs appear to show that the US military turned a blind eye to evidence of torture and abuse of civilians by the Iraqi authorities.

WikiLeaks claim the documents reveal around 15,000 more civilian deaths than were previously known about.

The files also show Iran waging a shadow war with US troops in Iraq, allegedly using militias to kill and kidnap US soldiers.

Human Rights Watch said

Iraq should investigate reports that its forces systematically tortured and abused detainees.

"The US government should also investigate whether its forces breached international law by transferring thousands of Iraqi detainees from US to Iraqi custody despite the clear risk of torture," it said.

Amnesty International called on Washington to investigate how much US officials knew about the alleged abuse. Spokesman Malcolm Smart said the leaks fuelled concerns that US authorities "committed a serious breach of international law when they summarily handed over thousands of detainees to Iraqi security forces who, they knew, were continuing to torture and abuse detainees on a truly shocking scale."

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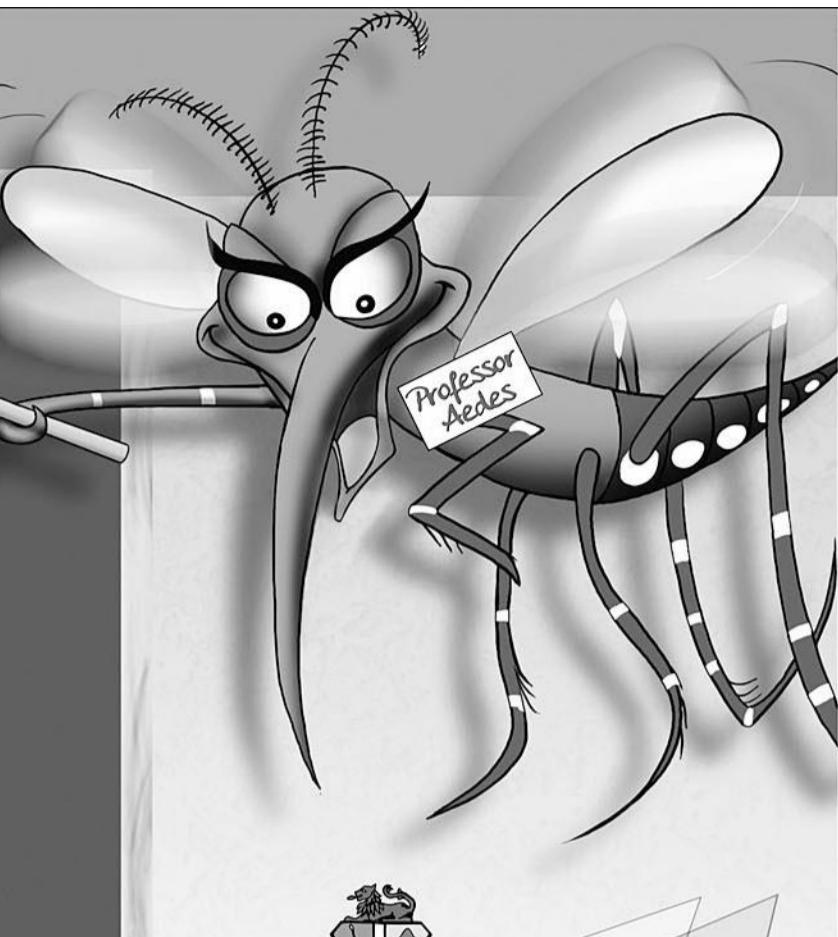
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Because of changes in prices due to external factors, like transport and fuel, the Department of Economics has stipulated a maximum price, better known as a government price for these products.

Aim of the publication is to inform the merchant as well as

the consumer of the new prices. Maximum means that the businesses cannot sell the product for more money than stipulated by the government. The consumer, on the other hand, can make a claim to the salesman if the price is not in accordance to the government's price. The consumer can refuse to buy the product and file a complaint at the Department of Economic Affairs via tel. 582-1181, ext. 251.

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## "Seroe Preto" water tank in San Nicolas is back in service

BALASHI -- In accordance of its maintenance plan for all water tanks on Aruba, WEB Aruba N.V. announces that it has cleaned the tank situated at Seroe Preto in San Nicolas. The tank has been cleaned, disinfected, washed and a test of quality has been sent to the Laboratory of Aruba and the laboratory of WEB Aruba N.V.

All tests gave positive results and the water tank is back in service as of today, October 25, 2010.

Chlorine was used to disinfect the water tank. Consequently, the water may have a weird taste for a few days; but only in the San Nicolas neighborhood.

WEB Aruba N.V. assures

everyone that the taste will have no consequences for anyone's health; the chemical used for the cleanup is certified for many years already in the use of drinking water distribution.

WEB Aruba N.V. kindly asks all its clients for their understanding for this situation.

## US offers condolences after Barbados PM dies

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States on Saturday offered condolences to the Caribbean island nation of Barbados after the death of Prime Minister David Thompson, who passed away after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

"On behalf of President (Barack) Obama and the people of the United States, I offer my deepest condolences to the people of Barbados on the passing of Prime Minister David Thompson," Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said.

"Barbados has lost a

leader and the nations of the Americas have lost a friend and valued partner," Clinton said in a statement.

Thompson, 48, held office since January 2008. He was the sixth prime minister of the country which declared its independence from Britain in 1966.

His personal doctor announced in mid-September that Thompson had cancer of the pancreas, the Caribbean Broadcasting Corporation said. He is survived by his mother, father, wife and three children.

Prime Minister Freundel



David Thompson

Stuart was sworn into office on Saturday, shortly after Thompson's death.

## Crown Furniture & Electronics gives back to the community Donates TV to Scol Dununman



Recently, Crown Furniture & Electronics donated a 32 inch flat screen TV, a DVD player and brackets to Scol Dununman, a school for the special children of Aruba. Part of the lesson of the children of Scol Dununman is given by video presentation, but the TV is damaged. Management of the school went to Crown furniture & Electronics to inquire for a new TV and management of the establishment were more than

happy to give the TV for FREE. The students accepted the generous gift with a big smile; now they can continue with their televised educative program.

Crown Furniture & Electronics opened its doors on Aruba in 2004. The store has a sucessful trajectory, with competitive prices and promotional campaigns. The estalishment popularly known for its good service and prompt credit approval. Crown Furniture &

Electronics sells all kinds of electronic appliances furnitures and household items, cash or credit. They are situated in Steenweg, Oranjestad, Avenida Milio Croes in Dakota, Turibana Plaza in Noord and Now also at their *Casi Nobo* store. The Dakota Shopping Paradise. The stores are open from Monday to Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.


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## YMCA Aruba says farewell to Mr. And Mrs. Brian James



Recently, the Board of Directors of YMCA organized a farewell party for Mr. Brian James and spouse. They will be leaving the island soon to live in the Netherlands.

Mr. James collaborated with the YMCA for 32 years and served as its president for 22 years. He received a plaque for his 32 years as President and Board member from YMCA President Piet Janssen and was also named

Honorary Member of the YMCA

Mr. Roly St. Jago a board member of YMCA handed Mr. James a beautiful painting, which is of the view of the road in front of the Government Office, the same view Mr. James has been enjoying for many years from his window at his home.

Mr. James made use of the opportunity to express his feelings about working for

many years with the YMCA, the progress of the organization and Aruba in general and his satisfaction of working with such a dynamic and modern organization. He also gave YMCA's Secretary General some advice on how to deploy the organization's work more successfully.

The Board of Directors members wish Mr. and Mrs. James all the best in their new life in the Netherlands.

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## Governor Fredis Refunjol receives visits from FADA and the Chamber of Commerce



From l. - r. Cecil York, Governor Refunjol, Carlos Albertus and Martijn Boelen.



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Last Friday, Aruba Governor, Fredis Refunjol, received two courtesy visits. First he received a delegation of F.A.D.A. (Fundacion Anti Drogas Aruba), Aruba's antidrug foundation. FADA is commemorating its annual action against drug abuse, the Red Ribbon Week. The occa-

sion was for the delegate members - Vice President, Carlos Albertus and Secretary Cecil York – to hand over a red ribbon to Mr. Refunjol.

Also on Friday, Mr. Refunjol received a courtesy visit of a delegation of the Chamber of Commerce. The

delegation comprised Vice President Mr. Mohamed J. Makawat Khan, and Director, Mrs. Lorraine de Souza.

Professor Jaime M. Saleh, keynote speaker of Chamber of Commerce's recent annual business dinners was also present.

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## HP unveils 'Slate 500' tablet computer



WASHINGTON (AFP) — Hewlett-Packard unveiled a Windows-powered touch-screen tablet computer on Friday aimed at professionals, the latest entry into a growing market dominated by Apple's iPad.

The "HP Slate 500," which features an 8.9-inch (22.6-centimeter) screen, slightly smaller than the iPad's 9.7-inch (24.6-cm) display, costs 800 dollars, about the same price as the top-of-the-line iPad.

While the iPad is aimed more at consumers, HP is targeting its device at business customers and touting its ability to handle documents, spreadsheets and applications from Microsoft.

HP described the Slate 500 as the "ideal PC for professionals who don't usually work at a traditional desk, yet need to stay productive in a secure, familiar Windows environment."

The Slate 500 weighs 1.5 pounds (0.68 kilos), the same as the iPad, and runs Windows 7, the latest version of Microsoft's computer operating system.

It has two cameras -- one still and one video -- and a USB port that allows a user to connect a keyboard, mouse or printer.

The Slate 500 offers Wi-Fi connectivity to the Internet but does not have 3G cellular

access. It will be available only in the United States for the time being.

The device has five hours of battery life and comes with a digital stylus that lets users write notes directly on the screen.

HP unveiled the Slate 500 just two days after South Korea's Samsung announced it would begin selling its answer to the iPad, the Samsung Galaxy Tab, in the United States on November 11 for 600 dollars.

The Galaxy Tab, which is powered by Google's Android software, features a seven-inch (18-centimeter) touchscreen.

## Microsoft opening online computer games shop

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) — Microsoft on Friday announced plans to open an online shop stocked with downloadable games for play on personal computers running on its software.

Games for the Windows Marketplace website will launch at [gamesforwindows.com](http://gamesforwindows.com) on November 15, according to the Redmond, Washington-based software titan.

"We set out to create a digital store built for PC gamers end-to-end," said Microsoft PC and gaming senior global

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## Sci-Tech

# Philippines, Norway vaults saving rice diversity

LOS BANOS, Philippines (AFP) — In a greenhouse near the Philippine capital, botanists grow strange grasses that bear tiny seeds which are promptly flown to a doomsday vault under Norway's Arctic permafrost.

The Norway deliveries are just the newest facet of a decades-old effort by more than 100 countries to save the world's many varieties of rice which might otherwise be lost.

A fire-proof, quake-proof, typhoon-proof gene bank set up by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in the Philippines in 1962 now holds 115,000 varieties of one of the world's most important grains.

"We've got genes stored which could potentially help us increase the yields of rice, improve pest tolerance and disease resistance, and help us address the effects of climate change," IRRI geneticist Fiona Hay said.

The rice varieties are grown at IRRI's sprawling complex at the university



A farmer separates rice grains from husks on a farm near Manila

town of Los Banos, two hours' drive south of Manila, so that they can be provided -- free of charge -- to farmers or governments around the world.

Yet Hay said that rice varieties were constantly being lost forever, despite the preservation efforts of IRRI, a non-profit organisation funded by governments, multilateral banks and philanthropists.

Such losses are under a global spotlight this week as delegates from more than 190 countries meet at a UN summit in Nagoya, Japan, to map out a strategy to stop the world's rapid loss of biodiversity in all plants and animals.

A rice variety can easily vanish due to pests, disease, drought or other natural disasters like a cyclone, or if for some reason farmers simply stop planting it, Hay said.

Not just urbanisation, but even farming can push wild

rice varieties into extinction.

And while some countries run their own gene banks, they are not always successful in preserving seeds. In the tropics, high humidity causes rice seeds to spoil after several years, Hay said.

At the IRRI gene bank in the Philippines, seeds are stored in dry and cool conditions and can remain usable for up to 40 years.

The institute keeps its base collection in tiny, sealed, bar-coded aluminium cans in a room kept at a temperature well below freezing.

They include a Malaysian variety that was collected soon after the gene bank opened in 1962, some reed-like Latin American ones that grow taller than a man, and Indian varieties that look more like crawling weeds.

Duplicates in small foil sachets of about 400 seeds each are stored in a separate vault kept at two degrees Celsius (35.6 Fahrenheit) and low humidity for passing on to those who need them for farming or research.

Since the Svalbard seed vault opened in February 2008, IRRI has reproduced 70,000 of its own grains and sent them in tiny freeze-dried aluminium cans to northern Norway, in a series of flights that take four days.

One final delivery of about 40,000 varieties is due to be flown out from Manila airport this week to complete the project.

The seeds include those no longer grown by farmers, plus 4,000-odd weeds with genes harnessed by scientists to make the rice plant more aromatic and more resistant to pests and disease, and tolerant of drought and saltwater.

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"The sharp reduction in the rate of kidney injury was surprising because airbags are primarily designed to protect the head and spine. These findings warrant additional investigation into the role airbags could play in protecting the kidney and other organs during a crash," study author Dr. Thomas G. Smith III, an assistant professor of urology in the department of surgery at University of Texas Medical School at Houston, said in news release from the journal's publisher.

In crashes where people suffered kidney injury, 54.7 percent were front-impact and 45.3 percent were side-impact collisions. Looking only at front-impact crashes, the researchers noted that nearly three-quarters involved a driver-side airbag and only 16.6 percent involved a passenger-side airbag. In the side-impact crashes, less than one-third of occupants had a side-impact airbag.

## Health & Living

## Australian study finds diabetes link to flabby dads



SYDNEY (AFP) - Men with high-fat diets are more likely to have diabetic children, research showed Thursday, in the first study linking a baby's health to what their father ate.

The study tracked a group of rats that were fed fatty foods until they were obese and showing precursory signs of type 2 diabetes and were then bred with females of average weight, explained lead researcher Margaret Morris.

Morris said that despite being reared on a strictly healthy diet, their offspring developed impaired glucose tolerance and insulin production when they reached young adulthood.

"If what we see here in a rat translates to a human it may well explain the emerging earlier rates of diabetes in younger and younger people," said Morris, from the University of New South Wales.

Rather than passing their ill health onto their children genetically Morris said the metabolic issues appeared to have come from damage done to the rats' sperm by their diet. It was the first study to uncover such a link, she added.

"We've known for a while that overweight mums are

more likely to have chubby babies, and that a woman's weight before and during pregnancy can play a role in future disease in her children," she said.

"But until now, the impact of the father's environment -- in terms of diet -- on his offspring had not been investigated."

Morris said the message of the research, published in the latest edition of Nature, was that "blokes as well as women need to eat healthier, reduce smoking and reduce alcohol excess" before having children.

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Since its inception, SETAR N.V. always participated in the Expo Cas, informing clients who are in the process of building a

house, where to install the telephone, cable, or internet connections and the material needed for the installations. Needless to say, the sales team did a tremendous job during the Expo Cas 2010. Clients who visited the SETAR N.V. booth were more than happy with the tremendous service they received.

Photo shows Avelino João Cabral de Andrade receiving his prize from SETAR N.V. Marketing representative Arthur Ruiz.



## Aruba's famous fofoti tree

I don't know for how many years guides pointed to the two twisted trees found along the shore by the Amsterdam Manor as Divi Divi trees, but we now all acknowledge they are the rare Fofoti, the last two specimens to be found on Aruba that I am aware of.

Aruba is famous for the Divi Divi tree, which we here also call Watapana, the bent over tree you see around the island that are shaped by the wind. Seeds of the tree can be brewed to make tea that is good for women to drink after their monthly time and to keep the womb healthy.

Divi trees are found all around Aruba. Most are very twisted and bent from the wind always coming from the same direction. Though the trees are found all through the Caribbean, Mexico and the closer countries of South America, it seems to be the ones on Aruba that are most famous for their leaning shape. If you are driving around and get lost, you can always follow the Divi trees and the way they point, and eventually you will end up back in Oranjestad.

In the early seventies there was a very popular Dutch band called The Cats. They wrote a song that was a big



Watapana trees shaped by the wind

hit, called "One Way Wind"- I remember hearing it on the radio all the time. "So we walked along the seaside- Where trees grow just one way" are the lyrics, and many say they wrote this song after visiting Aruba. "One way wind, one way wind -Are you trying to blow my mind?" they ask in their song.

I have to admit, one thing that blew all our minds was to wake up one day in early 2005 and discover that someone had sawed through and tried to destroy one of our lovely Fofoti trees. It was very crazy, and islanders tried hard to save that part of the tree, but they could not. Fortunately, they did not kill it, and it still looks beautiful sitting by our shore. The sight of it against our blue waters and sky is a favorite with photographers and couples getting married. Where would we be without this special symbol of Aruba?



Seeds of the Watapana

Editor's note:

"Ban Kairo" is Papiamento for "let's go tripping in the cunucu!" Madi conducts her tours seven days a week in a single range rover type all terrain vehicle. She takes a max of nine passengers, and offers trips to the Natural Pool and other areas of Aruba that can only be reached with a sturdy 4x4 and, most importantly, a knowledgeable guide who know their way. She congenially shares her anecdotes and vast inventory of island factoids.

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## Lindsay Lohan: I can't afford to stay at Betty Ford

Lindsay Lohan may be making strides toward a healthy lifestyle, but it's coming at a price. Lohan, 24, was ordered back to the Betty Ford Center on Friday instead of given more jail time, but the actress's probation report raises questions about how much longer she can stay at the pricey desert facility.

"She indicates she can not afford to continue to pay for the treatment program and she needs to work," says the report.

Prior to Friday's hearing, Lohan had requested that she move into outpatient care after her 30-day stay at Betty Ford ended this weekend. Instead, Superior Court Judge Elden Fox ordered her to remain there through at least Jan. 3. This will have kept her there for about three months; a 90-day stay typically costs \$53,000.

"Lohan says her clothing line is falling apart because she is not available to monitor the product," the probation report states.



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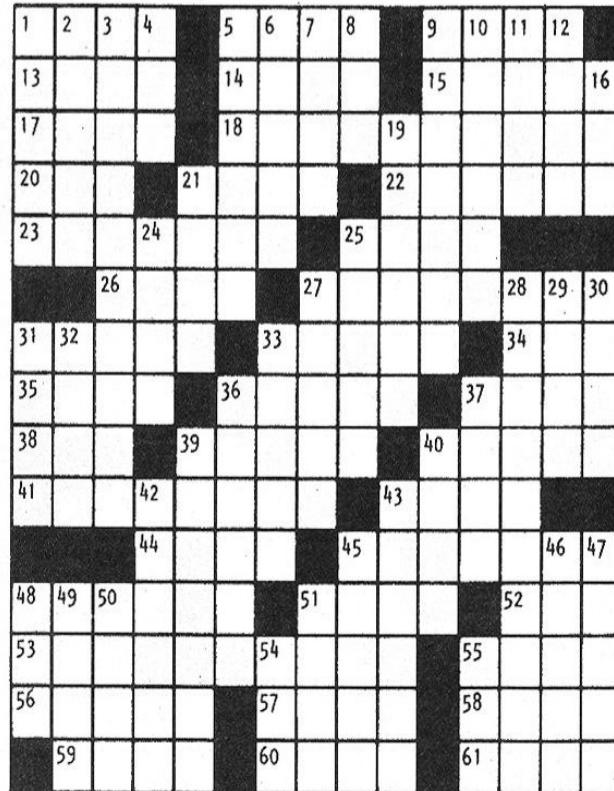
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**CROSSWORD****CROSSWORD****ACROSS**

1. Chester Riley's daughter
5. Melodic formula of Hindu music
9. Temporary grant
13. Spanish river
14. Down with: Fr.
15. Mr. Doubleday
17. Banana \_\_\_
18. Skill
20. Egg: prefix
21. Discharge
22. Bo and John
23. Small flag
25. Nevada city
26. Tender
27. 1982 Ryan O'Neal film
31. Diva Lehmann
33. Author Parent and actress Fisher
34. "Ask \_\_\_ . . ."
35. Island group near New Guinea
36. French city
37. \_\_\_ boy!
38. Motor vehicle
39. Roof edges
40. Primp
41. Tangles together
43. Scorch
44. Hebrew lyre
45. Track-meet official

**DOWN**

1. Type of jazz
2. Over
3. Sudden idea
4. Wino
5. Wisconsin city
6. Terminate prematurely, as a space mission
7. Toy store item
8. Cleo's nemesis
9. Types of fingerprints
10. King of the fairies
11. Boleyn
12. Spit of land
16. Dweller: abbr.
19. Swimmer Gertrude
21. Get along
24. Jot down
25. Iron bars
27. Becomes ashen
28. Amuses



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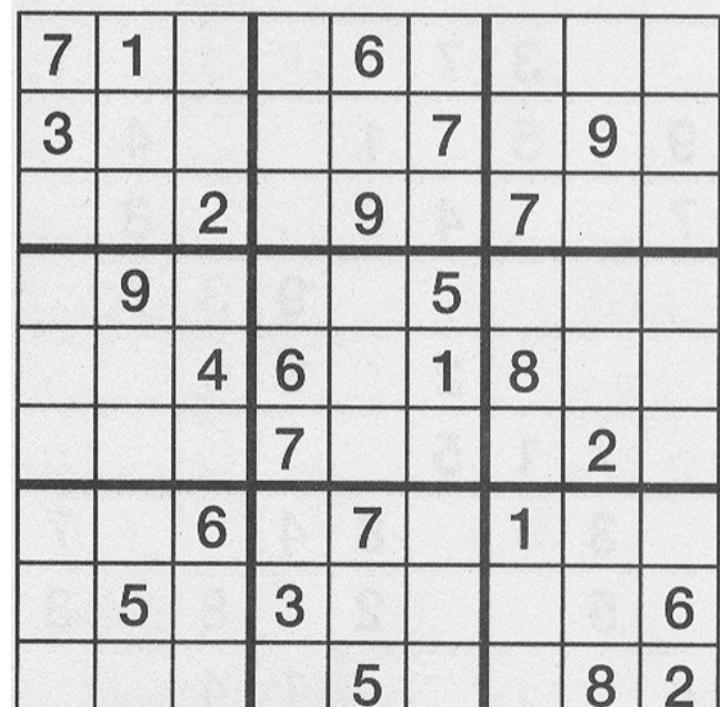
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9	2	6	8	7	4	1	5	3
6	8	1	7	3	9	5	2	4
5	7	4	6	8	5	6	1	7
2	9	3	4	2	1	8	3	9
8	4	2	5	9	3	7	6	1
3	6	5	1	4	7	2	9	8
7	1	9	2	6	8	3	4	5

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## Finance

# Venezuela to 'invest 780 million dollars in Iran gas field'

TEHRAN, Iran (AFP) - Venezuela's state oil giant Petroleos de Venezuela SA plans to invest 780 million dollars in a project in Iran's South Pars gas field, an Iranian official said yesterday.

"During the Venezuelan delegation's recent trip, an agreement was signed for Venezuela to invest 780 million dollars to develop South Pars phase 12," project chief Hamid Akbari was quoted as saying by the oil ministry's Shana news agency.

Akbari said the agreement would be operational in three months.

Last week, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez visited Iran during a trip in which his delegation signed 11 deals on energy cooperation between Iran and Venezuela, two of the world's

major oil producers.

The two countries also signed pacts for a joint oil shipping company and joint construction of petrochemical plants.

Relations between Iran and Venezuela have flourished under President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's rule, especially after Chavez openly backed Tehran's nuclear program.

Iran's vital energy sector is one of the key areas targeted by world powers in sanctions imposed against the Islamic republic for pursuing its controversial nuclear program.

Most Western and European energy firms had withdrawn or put on hold their investments in Iran's energy sector even before the latest round of UN sanctions was imposed on June 9.

# Virgin launches customer space travel

UPHAM, New Mexico -- Virgin Galactic's Sir Richard Branson, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson and prospective astronauts gathered in the southern New Mexico desert on Friday to celebrate the completion of the runway at the world's first purpose-built commercial spaceport.

Spaceport America is the world's first facility designed specifically to launch commercial spacecraft. The celebration of its nearly

3km-long runway comes less than two weeks after another major step for Virgin Galactic: the first solo glide flight of its space tourism rocket ship.

The British billionaire said the next is more rocket testing, and getting the vehicle called SpaceShipTwo into space. He said he expects flights for space tourists to begin in nine to 18 months, and he will be among the first passengers.

## YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer



# World finance ministers agree historic IMF shake-up

GYEONGJU, South Korea (AFP) - The Group of 20 nations struck a hard-fought agreement Saturday on reforming the IMF to give a greater say to emerging nations such as China in the world's financial watchdog.

G20 finance ministers clinched the deal after years of efforts to make the Washington-based Fund better reflect a shift in global power -- with the result that China, India and others will gain more weight at Europe's expense.

"It's the biggest reform ever in the governance of the IMF," IMF managing director Dominique Strauss-Kahn told reporters as the G20 bloc of advanced economies and emerging powers met in the South Korean city of Gyeongju.

Formed after World War II to remake the world financial system and prevent a 1930s-style Depression, the IMF has long been dominated by West-

ern powers, but has faced growing calls to adapt.

"China supports the IMF quota reform, through which emerging countries will gain stronger representation and bigger says," China's central bank governor Zhou Xiaochuan said in Gyeongju, according to the Xinhua news agency.

The deal to reform the IMF's 24-member board of governors was thrashed out by G20 ministers ahead of a summit next month of national leaders in Seoul. The existing board will have to sign off on it at the start of November.

Strauss-Kahn said Europe had agreed to give up two seats. About five percent of voting rights will be transferred, and Brazil, Russia, India and China will all be among the top 10 IMF shareholders.

Strauss-Kahn said the agreement was an effective re-

sponse to criticism that the IMF had grown outdated.

The G20 empowered the IMF to exercise greater vigilance over the spillover effects of national economic policies, on which it will prepare regular reports.

The United States is the dominant funder of the IMF, with Japan the second largest shareholder and Germany, France and Britain also substantial contributors.

But China, whose stunning economic transformation over the past three decades and resilience during the 2008-09 global crisis has shifted financial power eastwards, is now set to become a more high-profile player.

"This agreement recreates total legitimacy for the institution... The most important thing is that now the board represents the reality of the global economy," said Strauss-Kahn.

# China's voracious commodities appetite moves markets

LONDON, England (AFP) - China, the world's second largest economy and its number one energy consumer, is shaking up global commodities markets where its potent growth momentum is also powering a rise in metals prices.

"China is now the largest energy consumer by our definition," Nobuo Tanaka, head of the International Energy Agency, said recently.

"Probably half of the oil demand increase comes from China. China's consumption is growing, growing, but we don't know how long China will continue to grow."

China, which relies on coal to meet 70 percent of its energy needs, is nonetheless the world's second largest oil consumer behind the United States.

"The center of gravity (in the energy market) is shifting from the Middle East to Asia," Mikkel Herberg of the National Bureau of Asian Research told a conference here earlier this month.

China has stepped up an investment drive to assure itself

of a steady supply of oil from Iraq to Latin America where the leading Chinese refiner Sinopec in early October acquired a 40 percent stake in the Brazilian branch of Spanish energy company Repsol.

"There is in China a big supply concern of ensuring what they need -- energy and food but also metals," noted Philippa Malmgren of the Canonbury Group.

Given the depth of its demand, China is fuelling a rise in base metals prices that according to some analysts could be maintained for the next several years. Copper prices recently rose to the levels that prevailed before the 2008 financial crisis while prices for tin hit record highs.

Analysts have said small increases in the supply of metals would likely prove to be insufficient to meet rising demand from emerging markets.

Malmgren said China was now engaged in the construction of new airports, railways and new cities, activities that are "very metal intensive."

"We have structural de-

mand there which is not going to decrease."

Daniel Brebner of Deutsche Bank predicted that China's copper requirements "could double over the next decade."

But other economists urge caution, citing China's dependence on western economies and the determination of Chinese authorities to avert economic overheating.

"Although China is now the single most important consumer of industrial metals, ... the next three places are typically filled by the United States, Japan and Germany," said John Higgins of Capital Economics.

"These developed economies face a long period of sluggish growth. Nor is China immune to what happens in the West, especially if the United States lurches toward protectionism. And there are plenty of downside risks to China itself."

"At the very least, economic growth is likely to be slower and less commodity intensive over the next several years."

# Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on



Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and specta-



cular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool

for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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## Celine Dion, Matt Damon welcome new babies

LOS ANGELES, California – Singer Celine Dion and actor Matt Damon both welcomed new additions to their families, representatives for the two entertainers said yesterday.

Grammy-winner Dion, 42, gave birth to twin boys on Saturday by Caesarean section shortly after 11 a.m. at a Florida hospital, while in New York, "Hereafter" star Damon welcomed a baby girl with his



wife, Luciana, earlier this week, his spokeswoman said.

## Shanayah Howell conquers Curacao fans, wins another title

Shanaya Howell once again conquered another title, this time the "Generation Next BMX 2010" championship. The race took place recently in Curacao.

Although the Curacao athletes are rookies in BMX racing, they still gave a good presentation. But Aruba once more demonstrated to be the best.

During the racing event, our pride, Shanayah Howell, made acquaintance with three ex BMX athletes of Curacao who took her with them along memory lane, when they competed against Aruban teams like Young Warriors, Pedal Power, Street Wise and Ruf Riders.

To Ms. Howells surprise she also met with Mr. Eddy de Veer, the main sponsor of the racetrack. Needless to say Mr. de Veer was very proud with Ms. Howell's triumph.

Photos show Ms. Howell receiving her award.



## Brand, Perry host gala reception at Indian palace



**INDIA, RANTHAMBORE :** Unidentified guests arrive for the wedding of US singer Katy Perry and British comedian-turned-Hollywood actor Russell Brand at The Aman-e-Khas Hotel in Ranthambore.

**RANTHAMBORE** India (AFP) – British comic Russell Brand and US pop star Katy Perry moved their India wedding extravaganza to Jaipur for a gala reception Sunday, a day after tying the knot amid tigers and tight security.

Brand and Perry were married Saturday in what the couple described in a statement as a "very private and spiritual ceremony" attended by close family and friends. Privacy was maintained by heavy security at the venue -- a luxury resort adjoining the Ranthambore tiger sanctuary in northern India -- which was screened off to keep out the prying eyes and lenses of the paparazzi.

The ceremony had a distinctly Indian flavour with Brand leading the marriage procession on a horse, flanked by dozens of elephants and camels.

Perry's wedding dress had an Indian theme and she had traditional Indian henna tattoos

on her palms as part of the wedding preparations, media reports said.

Indian snake charmers and folk musicians were employed to entertain the celebrity guests, who were said to include pop princess Rihanna and talk show host Jonathan Ross.

Sunday's gala reception was being held at the Taj Rambagh Palace Hotel, the former home of the Maharaja and Maharani of Jaipur which was converted into a five-star hotel in 1957.

The party had an "East meets West" theme and featured performances by rap mogul P. Diddy and Indian classical dancers.

Brand, 35, reportedly proposed to Perry, 25, at the Rambagh Palace during a New Year holiday after a whirlwind romance.

At an engagement ceremony Friday night, Perry wore a maroon sari while Brand wore a kurta pyjama and a turban as Bollywood tunes belted

out, the Times of India reported.

The same day, bodyguards clashed with photographers trailing Brand and guests in the Ranthambore wildlife park, punching two of the photographers and their driver.

The British star's minders grabbed the car keys and left the photographers stranded in the park -- one of the most popular tiger reserves in India.

Brand, a recovering drug and alcohol addict with a reputation as a womanizer, was arrested last month for allegedly attacking a photographer at Los Angeles airport and was freed on 20,000 dollars bail.

The hirsute star found fame as a comedian and later as a TV and radio presenter, before starring in hit Hollywood films "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "Get Him to the Greek." Perry is famous for her hit songs, "I Kissed a Girl" and "Hot n Cold."

## Pope seeks religious liberty in Muslim Mideast

**VATICAN CITY** – Pope Benedict called on Islamic countries in the Middle East yesterday to guarantee freedom of worship to non-Muslims and said peace in the region was the best remedy for a worrying exodus of Christians.

He made his appeal at a solemn mass in St Peter's Basilica ending a two week Vatican summit of bishops from the Middle East, whose final document criticized Israel and urged the Jewish state to end its occupation of Palestinian territories.

In his sermon at the gather-

ing's ceremonial end, the pope said freedom of religion was "one of the fundamental human rights that each state should always respect."

He said that while some states in the Middle East allowed freedom of belief, "the space given to the freedom to practice religion is often quite limited."

At least 3.5 million Christians of all denominations live in the Gulf Arab region, the birthplace of Islam and home to some of the most conservative Arab Muslim societies in the world.

The freedom to practice Christianity -- or any religion other than Islam -- is not always a given in the Gulf and varies from country to country. Saudi Arabia, which applies an austere form of Sunni Islam, has by far the tightest restrictions.

The Pope said all citizens in Middle Eastern countries would benefit from greater freedom of religion and backed a call by the synod participants for Muslims and Christians to open an "urgent and useful" dialogue on the thorny issue.

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## Diamond saucepan is hot item at Moscow fair



A gold and diamond incrusted saucepan on display at the Moscow Millionaire Fair.

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) – A diamond-studded saucepan is attracting plenty of interest at Moscow's top annual luxury fair, where a vast array of sparkly bling, fast cars and enormous price tags is on offer.

Displayed in a glass case, the saucepan has a handle and lid encrusted with 270 diamonds and is decorated with 18-carat gold, brand manager Natalya Oreshkina said.

Made by German cookware brand Fissler, the utensil is not really suitable for cooking, Oreshkina added, shuddering at the idea of putting it in an oven.

"It is for serving food beautifully," she explained as crowds packed the Manezh exhibition centre in central Moscow on opening night Friday.

At 150,000 euros, the pan costs roughly the same as a Porsche Cayenne SUV, but is better value, Oreshkina claimed in a practised sales pitch.

"A Porsche Cayenne turns into a pile of metal once it

leaves the showroom. This is an investment."

An annual celebration of conspicuous consumption, the Moscow Millionaire Fair, has been held in Russia since 2005, crisis or no crisis.

Russia's economy is rebounding after it contracted a record 7.9 percent last year during the global financial meltdown.

Economists say recovery from deep recession remains fragile but appears to be picking up speed due to government efforts to boost private consumption.

So the emphasis at this year's luxury fair was, fittingly, on little indulgences.

A German range of skin-care products called BB Royal comes packaged in containers decorated with 5,000 Swarovski crystals. It markets itself as the world's "most high-range" cosmetics brand.

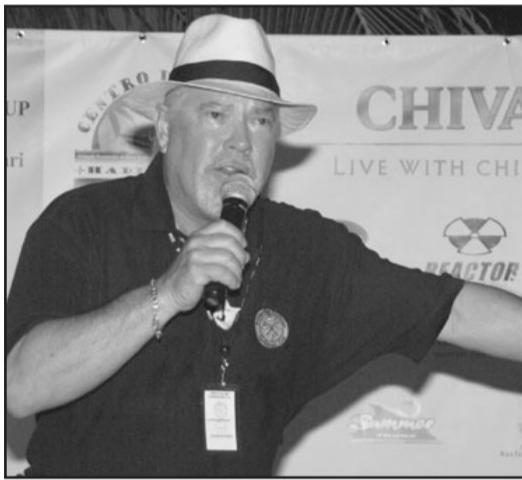
"I think everyone would like to look younger, but of course you need a bit of money. Each bottle costs around 3,000 euros," said the brand's owner, Boris Bartel.

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## "Aruba is Marlin Country!" - Captain Don Kipnis, judge of the Aruba Caribbean Cup



Eric Mansur and crew of Alina, second place top boat and best team



Captain Don Kipnis, judge



First and second place anglers Anthony Maduro and Charles Heldewilder of Curacao Yacht Club



Russell Petranto of Costa Rica receives a Rick Bogart Print

**1ST PLACE TEAM:** Southern Pride, 2100 points

**2ND PLACE TEAM:** Alina, 1900 pts.

**3rd PLACE TEAM:** Team OBX, 1600 pts

**1ST PLACE ANGLER:** Anthony Maduro, 1000 pts

**2ND PLACE ANGLER:** Harry Vernon, 900 pts

**3RD PLACE ANGLER:** Tucker Colquhoun, 800 pts

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**2ND BOAT:** Alina, 1900 pts

**3rd BOAT:** Teaser, 1400 pts

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## Italy's Manassero makes history with Castello Masters win

VALENCIA (AFP) - Italian Manuel Manassero won the Castello Masters on Sunday to become the youngest ever winner in European Tour history.

Manassero, at 17 years and 188 days, won by four shots from Spain's Ignacio Garrido, beating the previous Tour record for youngest winner set in 2008 when New Zealand's Danny Lee (18y 113d) won the Johnnie Walker Classic.

The Italian, a former British Amateur Champion whose previous best European Tour result was a third place at this year's Omega Masters, also becomes the youngest full European Tour Member as a result of this win, eclipsing the previous record held by Seve Ballesteros by just 12 days.

Manassero was into his stride early, sinking a 12-foot birdie putt at the third before nailing a 40-footer at the par-three sixth as the gap to Boyd closed to one shot.

The youngster dropped a shot on the seventh but he turned the screw over the back nine, three successive birdies at 13, 14 and 15 taking him clear of the pack.

"I always worked hard for this moment and now I've finally done it, it's an unbelievable moment," Manassero told Sky Sports.



"When I made that putt for par on 12 to stay two behind I kept going and I made some great shots coming in, and some good putts."

"That was the turning point as well as the birdie on 13. I was very nervous. At the beginning I was nervous and then I was a bit more relaxed and then I was very nervous again at the end."

## NFL Sunday Scores

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Cleveland 30, New Orleans 17

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Carolina 23, San Francisco 20

### Monday, October 25

NY Giants (4-2) @ Dallas (1-4)



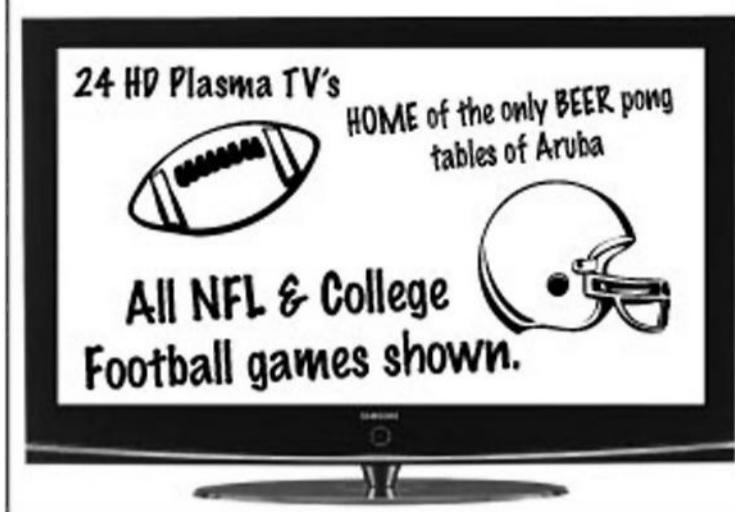
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## Giants last won 55 years ago; Rangers in Series for first time World Series: Giants vs. Rangers



Texas Rangers celebrates after the winning 6-1 against the New York Yankees in Game Six

The San Francisco Giants beat Philadelphia 3-2 here Saturday to win the National League pennant and reach the World Series for the first time since 2002.

Juan Uribe's two-out solo home run off Ryan Madson in the eighth inning broke a 2-2 tie and San Francisco held on for the victory that gave them a four-games-to-two triumph in the best-of-seven National League Championship Series.

San Francisco will host the Texas Rangers in game one of the World Series on Wednesday.

The Rangers beat the reigning champion New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series.

The Giants are seeking their first World Series title since 1954, when they were still based in New York.

They came within six outs of winning it in game six against wild-cards Anaheim in 2002 but eventually lost the deciding seventh game.

Philadelphia had runners on first and second in the ninth when slumping slugger Ryan Howard took a called third strike to end it.

"Right now it's heaven, but it was torture for that final strike," Giants first baseman Aubrey Huff said.

San Francisco's ace hurler Tim Lincecum struggled in the eighth inning, pitching in relief on one day of rest after taking the loss in game five.



The San Francisco Giants celebrate defeating the Philadelphia Phillies 3-2 and winning the pennant in Game Six

Closing pitcher Brian Wilson came in and got five outs to finish

off the Phillies, who were trying to become the first National League team in 66 years to win three straight pennants.

The Texas Rangers advanced to their first World

Series in franchise history with a dominating 6-1 win Friday over the defending champion New York Yankees.

Vladimir Guerrero drove in three runs and Nelson Cruz homered for the Rangers who won the Major League Baseball semi-final series four games to two.

"World Series is coming to Texas," said infielder Michael Young. "This is an incredible feeling. So we are all in. Part three is done and we are going for part four."

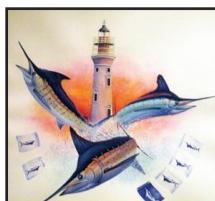
Guerrero added a two-out, two-run double in the fifth to chase Yankees starter Phil Hughes before Cruz followed with his fifth playoff home run.

## MLB World Series

### SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS vs. NY RANGERS

Gm 1 TEX @ SF- Wed Oct. 27  
Gm 2 TEX @ SF - Thu Oct. 28  
Gm 3 SF @ TEX - Sat Oct. 30  
Gm 4 SF @ TEX - Sun Oct. 31  
Gm 5\* SF @ TEX- Mon Nov. 1  
Gm 6\* TEX @ SF - Wed Nov. 3  
Gm 7\* TEX @ SF Thu Nov 4

\*If necessary (Best-of-seven series)



# "Aruba is Marlin Country!" - Captain Don Kipnis, judge of the Aruba Caribbean Cup



Southern Pride of Puerto Rico top prize winners in Best Boat and Team categories



First place Best Angler, Anthony Maduro

Aruba successfully hosted their first Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup this past week, from October 20 through 22, an official event on the International Game Fishing Association circuit.

Two days of competition

for the great billfish, white marlin, blue marlin and sailfish, attracted anglers from the U.S.A., Venezuela, Curaçao, as far as South Africa, and an outstanding crew from Costa Rica, Southern Pride. They claimed a number of

prizes including major cash rewards for taking the top spot in both Best Boat and Team categories.

Judge Captain Dan Kipnis, president of The Green Gallon Project, declared the tournament's move from Venezuela to Aruba a resounding success during the gala awards ceremony at the Aruba Surfside Marina on Friday evening. 23 teams and 92 competitors caught and released 21 Blue Marlin, 13 White Marlin and 37 Sailfish; the first catch made by Gary Tarpley on the teaser barely five minutes after the event began. Eric Mansur Jr. won a custom rod for bringing in a blue marlin as the last fish of the tournament.

The Aruba Caribbean Cup is a conservation statement with the mandatory use of circle hooks as opposed to J-hooks; the circle hook is not swallowed by the fish so it does little harm when removed and they are released back into the sea. No fish are killed during the tournament.

Southern Pride is captained by Ted Smith. He and his crew of Gerard Aliseo, Russell Petranto and Tucker Colquhoun "led from Day 1," when they released a pair of blue marlin and white marlin early on. Tucker also claimed 3rd place in the Best Angler division, coming in after Harry Vernon second and Anthony Maduro of Aruba in first place.

Second place in both Best Team and Boat went to the Alina owned by the Aruban organizer of the event, Eric Mansur, and his crew. Third place Top Boat was the Teaser and Third Place Best Team was the crew from the OBX. Winners were awarded quality fishing equipment

from the entry fees and the raffle and silent auction of prizes donated by their many sponsors will go to establishing the "Adopt a Billfish" project from the Billfish Foundation. This program entails tagging marlin and sailfish; then satellite tracking to help observe and preserve. The great game fish are endangered by commercial fishing ventures, which capture them in their nets, much like dolphins. Aruba's waters are a target area for this program.

Participants and officials of the Chivas Regal Aruba Caribbean Cup expressed extreme satisfaction with the island as the new venue for this annual event, describing it not only as a place with ideal fishing grounds, but numerous other attractions that would enable them to bring their families for an excellent vacation. Organizers particularly expressed their gratitude to Eric Mansur for his efforts and the Varadera Marina for their hospitality as the host facility.

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